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September 13, 2006

Matthew Hughes Environmental Engineer Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. 4 Liberty Lane West Hampton, NH 03842 Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. Material Separation Plan 4 **Draft Approval** 

Dear Mr. Hughes:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") has reviewed the draft Material Separation Plans ("MSP4") for the Wheelabrator Technologies, Inc. facilities in Millbury, North Andover and Saugus ("Wheelabrator") for the diversion of mercury containing products from those facilities. The draft MSP4s were filed with MassDEP on July 1, 2006 pursuant to 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7) and MassDEP's *Material Separation Plan Guidance for Municipal Waste Combustors* issued on January 5, 2000 and modified on February 16, 2000.

Wheelabrator submitted a revised MSP4 on September 13, 2006 in response to MassDEP's formal comments outlined in our letter dated August 4, 2006. We appreciate your efforts to work with us to provide a revised plan based on our comments and conversations. Based on a review of the Facility's revised MSP4, MassDEP is issuing a **draft approval**. Under 310 CMR 7.08(2)(f)(7), MassDEP will publish a notice of public comment allowing for a 30 day public comment period. Written comments will be accepted until 5 p.m., Monday, October 16, 2006.

MassDEP expects to issue a final decision on the proposed MSP4 within 30 days of the close of the public comment period. MassDEP may require the Facility to modify the draft MSP4 based on comments received. Following MassDEP approval, the Facility must implement the MSP4 in accordance with the schedule described in the approved MSP.

Please contact Tina Klein, at 617-292-5704 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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